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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : EP 1 269 117 A (BAE SYSTEMS PLC) 2 January 2003 (2003-01-02)
D2 : GB 2 329 471 A (* BRITISH AEROSPACE PLC; * BAE SYSTEMS PLC) 24
March 1999 (1999-03-24)

2. CLARITY

2.1 The features in the apparatus claim 10 relate to a method of using the apparatus rather than clearly defining the apparatus in terms of its technical features. In this case it is possible to clearly define the technical features of the vibrating structure gyroscope, and therefore the intended limitations are not clear from this claim, contrary to the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

2.2 Claim 9 contains references to the drawings. According to Rule 6.2(a) PCT, claims should not contain such references except where absolutely necessary, which is not the case here and it leaves the scope of the claim very unclear.

3. NOVELTY and INVENTIVE STEP

3.1 Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a method for reducing bias error (claim 1) in a similar vibrating structure gyroscope (fig. 4), where the scalefactor is adjusted to obtain the desired response and compensate for the phase error.

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 1 differs in that:

the in-phase and quadrature scalefactors are measured and from these measurements the total phase error is obtained (see equation, claim 1) and phase corrections applied via phase correction means (24, fig. 4).

3.2 The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT)

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as:

how to directly correct the phase error in a vibrating structure gyroscope rather than compensating for this error.

3.3 The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

although it is known from D1 and D2 to reduce the bias error in a vibrating structure gyroscope by compensating for the phase error, it is not known from, nor rendered obvious by the prior art to determine the phase error from the scalefactors, and hence directly apply phase correction to reduce the phase error and hence the quadrature bias error.

3.4 Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

4. INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

Claims 1-10 are deemed to be industrially applicable in the field of vibrating structure gyroscopes.
